

Kentucky State Parks Direct Sales

Kentucky farmers may sell their fresh fruits and vegetables directly to the chefs of the 17 Kentucky State Park Resort Restaurants, the Kentucky Artisan Center in Berea and the three employee cafes in Frankfort. Serving locally grown food enhances the quality of meals at the Parks as well as providing an economic boost to local farmers.

Farmers may register with each state park resort or location where they want to sell their product. Information and contact information can be obtained for the 17 participating Kentucky State Parks at <http://parks.ky.gov>. The parks can be searched by region. For the Frankfort operations please contact Eric Robertson, Area Supervisor at eric.robertson@ky.gov. Please contact the Ky Artisan Center chef at (859)985-5448.

The price offered for each product will be established weekly by averaging prices from four to five major distributors across the state. The price list is available to the farmer either by e-mail or pick-up at each location. The price paid may change weekly, so producers need to consult the price list before making the drive to the resort. The price is usually slightly below retail, but it will be much better than wholesale.

Every effort will be made to deal only with producers instead of resellers. Participants are required to be members of the Kentucky Proud program and will be required to identify where they are producing the products. Checks may occur if the chef doubts the origin of the product.

Producers should be prepared to establish a relationship with the chefs at the parks and meet the needs of the restaurants. The chefs can turn away produce that doesn't meet their standards but can explain to the farmer what they are looking for. Successful producers will work with the chefs to bring them the freshest product on time as promised.